

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: QWEST COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. TCU-99-44
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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION
WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

(Issued January 10, 2000)

On December 14, 1999, Qwest Communications Corporation (QCC) filed an application pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.29 (1999) for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide facilities-based and resold local telecommunications service in Iowa. QCC requested a certificate to provide services in certain exchanges currently served by U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S West), and GTE Midwest Incorporated. The application was filed as Docket No. TCU-99-44.

On December 22, 1999, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed a motion to dismiss the application due to QCC's failure to serve a copy of the application on Consumer Advocate. In the alternative, Consumer Advocate objected to the application and requested the Board establish a procedural schedule for review of the QCC application.

On December 23, 1999, QCC filed a request to withdraw its application for certificate. QCC further requested that the withdrawal be granted without prejudice. QCC did not give a reason for its request.

No person has opposed QCC's request to withdraw its application. The Board will grant the request, without prejudice to refiling in the future.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request to withdraw application filed by Qwest Communications Corporation on December 23, 1999 is granted, without prejudice to re-filing in the future.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr. /s/ Diane Munns
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of January, 2000.